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1. SUMMARY. ATHENS NEWSPAPERS DIVIDED PRIORITY ATTENTION BETWEEN CYPRUS AND DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENTS. U.S. MADE NEWS WITH REPLY OF NY TIMES ARTICLE ON CARAMANLIS' ALLEGED ANGER OVER U.S. DEMARCHES DELIVERED DURING CYPRUS CRISIS AND REPORT IN ONE NEWSPAPER THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER TOLD CHICAGO GREEK-AMERICANS THAT U.S. WOULD INTERVENE IF TURKEY EXTENDS ITS OCCUPATION IN CYPRUS. END SUMMARY

2. MORNING AND AFTERNOON DAILIES FLAGGED UNSYG WALDHEIM'S SECOND ATHENS VISIT "WALDHEIM BROUGHT UNACCEPTABLE TURKISH PROPOSALS - ANKARA REJECTS SOVIET PLAN" (TO VIMA) "UNBRIDGEABLE GAP BETWEEN ATHENS-ANKARA SAYS WALDHEIM" (APOYEVMATINI) "BATTLE FOR CYPRUS AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY--NEGOTIATIONS ARE EXCLUDED" (TA NEA), "TREASON COMES INTO LIGHT-STRONG ACCUSATION BY CLERIDES RE THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR INVASION" (VRADYNI). TURNING TO INTERNAL AFFAIRS, PAPERS REPORTED "PUBLIC ORDER MINISTER GHIKAS ORDERS INVESTIGATION SEEKING THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR EVENTS AT POLYTECHNION SCHOOL" (AKROPOLIS), "CARAMANLIS' DESIRE--ELECTIONS SOON--ON SATURDAY CLEAR POLITICAL PROSPECTS" UNCLASSIFIED

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(VRADYNI), AND "ELECTIONS WITH KKE, LAW 509 TO BE AMENDED--

POLITICAL PARTIES MAKE PREPARATIONS" (ATHENAIKI).

3. LEAD STORIES INCLUDED RERUN OF NY TIMES ARTICLE FROM ATHENS CORRESPONDENT WHO WROTE THAT CARAMANLIS IS "ANGRY" OVER NEARLY DAILY CALLS BY AMBASSADOR TASCA BEARING MESSAGES FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER. TO VIMA'S ACCOUNT OF NY TIMES ARTICLE ADDED THAT GREECE'S REJECTION OF U.S. "RECOMMENDATIONS" IS EXAMPLE OF CONTINUING COOLING OFF OF GREEK-AMERICAN RELATIONS. ALL PAPERS REFER TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SPOKESMAN'S OMITTING REFERENCE IN LAST PRESS BRIEFING TO REPORTS THAT U.S. MILITARY UNITS MAY WITHDRAW FROM GREECE AND TO CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN NATO EXERCISES. AKROPOLIS REPORTED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER, MEETING WITH GREEK-AMERICANS FROM CHICAGO, REMARKED THAT "U.S. WOULD INTERVENE IF TURKEY EXTENDS ITS OCCUPATION OF CYPRUS" (SEPTTEL). SAME NEWSPAPER NOTED NEGOTIATIONS WITH TURKEY ARE FUTILE AND GREECE PLANS TO SUBMIT CYPRUS PROBLEM TO UNGA. WITH EXCEPTION OF LEFTIST AVGHI ALL MORNING NEWSPAPERS REPORTED THAT AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES HAD INDICATED THAT GOG HAS NOT RECOGNIZED KKE

4. EDITORIALS ON CYPRUS DEVELOPMENTS REFERRED TO WALDHEIM'S EFFORTS AS POINTLESS IF HE MERELY AIMS AT RECONVENING TRIPARTITE CONFERENCE ON CYPRUS. HOWEVER, IF HE INTENDS TO ACTIVATE UN MACHINERY TO FIND SOLUTION THEN HE MAY ENJOY MEASURE OF SUCCESS (AKROPOLIS). SAME NEWSPAPER HELPFULLY COMMENTED THAT ATTACKS ON INDIVIDUAL AMERICANS AND THEIR CARS REPRESENT AN UNHEALTHY ANTIDOTE (SIC) TO AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY DESPITE EXPRESSING FEELINGS OF EXTREME BITTERNESS TOWARD U.S. NOW HARBORED BY ALL GREEKS. TO VIMA PRESENTED ARTICLE FROM IL MONDO QUOTING VIEWS OF PROMINENT GREEKS ON GREECE'S INTERNATIONAL POSITION: CARAMANLIS-GREECE IS NOW STEERING IN DIRECTION OF EUROPE. PROTOTYPE IS GISCARD'S FRANCE, NOT TITO'S YUGOSLAVIA; FM MAVROS--"NATO PROVED ITSELF NOT AN UMBRELLA FOR OUR PROTECTION, BUT A STONE THAT FELL ON OUR HEADS;" ARCHBISHOP IAKOVOS--ACCUSES U.S. OF AN "ABOMINABLE CRIME" IN CYPRUS. ELEFTHEROS COSMOS RAN FEATURE EDITORIAL ON IRRESPONSIBILITIES OF ATHENS DAILIES WHICH PROBABLY STRUCK HARMONIOUS CHORD WITH MANY ATHENIANS. EDITORIAL ACCUSED COLLEAGUE NEWSPAPERS OF UNCLASSIFIED

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YELLOW PRESS TACTICS AND RECALLED 1966 REMARK OF PM CARAMANLIS THAT "PROBLEM OF DEMOCRACY IN GREECE IS MAINLY A PROBLEM OF THE PRESS." VRADYNI UNDER CAPTION "QUESTION MARKS" QUERIED WHETHER SOVIET PROPOSAL IS SUFFICIENTLY CLEAR ON NEED FOR RESOLUTION 353 IMPLEMENTATION AND QUESTIONED UTILITY OF AUTOPSY IN CYPRUS BY PROPOSED EXAMINING COMMITTEE. TASCA

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